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RESOURCES FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are satisfied with the available resources for Ocean Development keeping in view the utility of ocean development;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the need for Ocean Development is given top priority by the Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the work of Ocean Development is likely to be affected by the rising sea level; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) and (b): Within the overall availability of resources for the Ninth Five Year Plan of the Government of India, the outlay of Rs. 5l0 crore allocated under the Ninth Five Year Plan for the Department of Ocean Development is satisfactory.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) and (f): The rise in sea level as an outcome of global climatic change is being monitored by the Department of Ocean Development by a network of tide gauges. In view of the uncertainty associated with sea level rise predictions, most of the work undertaken at present is mainly of research nature.